

a reel foot placing surface formed on the top portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body,

a movable front hood and a fixed rear hood, that attach the reel foot to the reel foot placing surface; and

a trigger protruding from the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping substantially toward the downward and backward direction relative to a rear end of the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon.

5. (Twice Amended) A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod body, that defines a downward and backward direction, on which line guides are mounted;

a reel seat;

a handle that extends backward from a position of the reel seat; and

a trigger protruding from a position opposite to a reel foot placing surface at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping substantially downward and backward relative to a rear end of a lower portion of the reel seat and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 are amended.

Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.